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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 111, Sections 142A through 142O, and in conformance with 40 CFR 51.102, will hold two public hearings and a comment period on the proposed “Massachusetts Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision for the Second Implementation Period (2018-2028).”

Regional haze is caused by fine particle pollution that impairs visibility over a large region by scattering or absorbing light. The federal Clean Air Act, in sections 169A and 169B, contains requirements for the protection of visibility in 156 national parks, forests and wilderness areas that have been federally designated as Class I areas. In 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated regional haze rules that require states to develop State Implementation Plans (SIP) every ten years to improve visibility in federal Class I areas, such as Acadia National Park in Maine. MassDEP issued its first Regional Haze SIP in 2012 for the 2008 – 2018 planning period. MassDEP’s proposed SIP revision is for the 2018 – 2028 planning period and documents how existing regulations, facility permits, and other actions meet EPA’s regional haze rule requirements. After public hearing and comment, MassDEP will submit the final Regional Haze SIP revision to EPA for approval into the Massachusetts SIP.

Per Governor Charles D. Baker’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20 signed and dated March 12, 2020, the public hearings will be conducted via remote video conference call and will be open to the public. The date of and registration information for the public hearings are as follows:

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.
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Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Times: 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Register in advance for these meetings:

1:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucu2rqj8iHdZ1pJyS1GZBjZGukYP55e03>

5:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMIlf--vpj8qEtHEGmcE9pJZi7BSi-6dkpi2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MassDEP provides language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this meeting, translation services can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance>

Testimony may be presented orally at the hearing. MassDEP will accept written comments until 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2021. Written comments may be submitted by email (preferred) or mail to:

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The proposed SIP revision is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

Copies also may be obtained by contacting mark.wert@mass.gov (617-292-5598). For special accommodations for these hearings, please call MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request.

By Order of the Commissioner

Martin Suuberg

Commissioner